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1. HEREWITH FULL TEXT CHRISTOPHER S. WREN PAGE 9 BYLINER  
TUESDAY, MAY 20, NYTIMES, HEADLINED "MOSCOW STALLED IN  
FOREIGN POLICY."
2. MOSCOW, MAY 19--THE KREMLIN'S EFFORTS TO PROMOTE  
SOVIET PRESTIGE THROUGH A SUCCESSION OF FORUMS ABROAD  
APPEAR TO HAVE BEEN STALLED DESPITE SOME ADVANTAGES OFFERED  
BY RECENT AMERICAN SETBACKS.
3. THE SITUATION, IN WHICH MOSCOW IS BEING FRUSTRATED  
BY A TIMETABLE OF ITS OWN OPTIMISTIC MAKING, FIGURES IN  
SOVIET CONCERN AT A TIME WHEN FOREIGN MINISTER ANDREI A.  
GROMYKO IS BELIEVED TO BE RAISING SOME OF THE MORE PRESSING  
PROBLEMS WITH SECRETARY OF STATE KISSINGER AT THEIR TWO-  
DAY MEETING IN VIENNA.

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4. THE SOVIET UNION HAS APPARENTLY LEARNED THAT IT CANNOT  
SURMOUNT SOME OF THESE DEADLOCKS ALONE. PERHAPS MOST  
TIMELY IS THE BREAKTHROUGH NEEDED FOR AN ACCORD LIMITING  
STRATEGIC ARMS THAT WILL JUSTIFY A VISIT BY THE SOVIET

LEADER, LEONID I. BREZHNEV, TO THE UNITED STATES THIS FALL.

BEYOND THIS ARE TWO OTHER EVENTS SOUGHT BY MOSCOW--THE CONVENING OF THE MIDDLE EAST PEACE CONFERENCE BY GENEVA AND THE WIND-UP OF THE EUROPEAN SECURITY CONFERENCE AT GENEVA.

5. MOSCOW'S HOPE OF PRESIDING OVER A MEETING OF EUROPEAN COMMUNIST PARTIES LATER THIS YEAR HARDLY DEPENDS ON AMERICAN COOPERATION. BUT MOSCOW SEEMS TO FEEL THAT SUCH A MEETING CAN BE INHIBITED UNLESS THE OTHER PROBLEMS ARE RESOLVED.

6. JUDGING BY RECENT SPEECHES, ARTICLES AND PRIVATE COMMENTS, THE KREMLIN IS ALREADY FEELING THE PINCH OF TIME AS IT LOOKS AHEAD TO THE 25TH PARTY CONGRESS SET FOR FEB. 24. THIS IS A GOOD NINE MONTHS AWAY, BUT THE RUSSIANS ARE COUNTING ON THE SERIES OF INTERNATIONAL MEETINGS TO ENHANCE MR. BREZHNEV'S IMAGE IN PREPARATION FOR THE CONGRESS, WHICH WILL PROMULGATE SOVIET POLICY FOR THE NEXT FIVE YEARS.

7. MR. BREZHNEV'S PENDING VISIT TO MR. FORD, NOW MENTIONED IN TERMS OF NEXT FALL, LEAVES SCANT TIME TO NEGOTIATE SPECIFICS OF A STRATEGIC WEAPONS AGREEMENT, WHICH HINGES ON THE ISSUE OF VERIFICATION OF THE CEILING ON MULTIPLE WARHEAD SYSTEMS.

8. ACCORDING TO ONE WESTERN DIPLOMAT, MR. BREZHNEV HAS PRIVATELY TOLD VISITORS THAT HE EXPECTS TO SEE PRESIDENT FORD. SUCH A MEETING WAS CHARACTERIZED BY MR. GROMYKO LAST WEEK AS "AN EXCEPTIONALLY IMPORTANT AND MAJOR UNDERTAKING." YET THERE ARE NO SIGNS OF PREPARATIONS FOR THE VISIT.

9. IN THEORY MR. BREZHNEV'S TRIP DOES NOT HINGE ON A SUCCESSFUL ARMS ACCORD, BUT AMERICAN DIPLOMATS CONCEDE UNCLASSIFIED

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THAT WITHOUT IT A MEETING WITH MR. FORD WOULD LOOK EMPTY.

10. EUROPEAN ISSUES REMAIN. THE 35-NATION EUROPEAN SECURITY TALKS THAT MOSCOW WANTS TO SEE WOUND UP BY THE RESPECTIVE HEADS OF STATE IN HELSINKI, FINLAND, ARE STILL SNAGGED ON SUCH LINGERING EAST-WEST DIFFERENCES AS ADVANCE NOTICE OF MILITARY MANEUVERS AND IMPROVED WORKING CONDITIONS FOR WESTERN JOURNALISTS IN EASTERN EUROPE.

11. THE SOVIET UNION HAS MUTED ITS EARLIER PROPOSAL THAT THE HELSINKI WIND-UP SHOULD BEGIN ON JUNE 30. WESTERN

DIPLOMATS TEND TO FEEL THAT IF THERE IS NO RUSH TO

COMPLETION THIS WEEK IN GENEVA, THE FINAL CEREMONIAL PHASE IN HELSINKI WILL NOT TAKE PLACE UNTIL AUTUMN.

12. THERE HAS BEEN NO VISIBLE MOVEMENT TOWARD A GENEVA PEACE CONFERENCE ON THE MIDDLE EAST. EVEN AFTER SESSIONS HERE WITH IRAQI, EGYPTIAN, SYRIAN AND PALESTINIAN VISITORS, THE KREMLIN SEEMS BAFFLED BY ARAB DISUNITY AS WELL AS ISRAELI OPPOSITION.

13. IN LIBYA LAST WEEK, PREMIER ALEKSEI KOSYGIN SAID PEACE HOPES DEPENDED "ON THE UNITY OF THE ARAB COUNTRIES."

14. CONSEQUENTLY, MOSCOW HAS FALLEN BACK TO DWELLING ON PREPARATIONS. MR. GROMYKO STRESSED THE NEW EMPHASIS LAST WEEK IN ASSERTING, "WE HAVE IN MIND SERIOUS PREPARATION FOR THE CONFERENCE AND A SERIOUS APPROACH TO ITS TASKS, ALTHOUGH WE ARE NOT AS YET SURE THAT ALL THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE CONFERENCE HAVE THE SAME AIM."

15. PERHAPS THE BIGGEST FRUSTRATION IDEOLOGICALLY IS THE DELAY THAT THE KREMLIN HAS ENCOUNTERED ON ITS PROPOSED EUROPEAN COMMUNIST MEETING FROM THE RUMANIANS, YUGOSLAVS AND SPANIARDS, WHO ARE AFRAID THAT THE CONFERENCE WILL BE USED AS A BLUDGEON AGAINST CHINA.

16. THE PROBLEM WAS UNDERScoreD BY A MEETING HERE LAST THURSDAY BETWEEN ALEXSANDAR GRICKOV, A YUGOSLAV COMMUNIST ENVOY, AND BORIS N. PONOMAREV, THE SOVIET UNCLASSIFIED

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PARTY SECRETARY WHO HEADS THE KREMLIN'S EFFORT. THEY REPORTEDLY FAILED TO COME TO SUITABLE TERMS FOR YUGOSLAV PARTICIPATION AND THEIR MEETING WENT VIRTUALLY IGNORED IN THE SOVIET PRESS.

17. MEANWHILE, MOSCOW HAS BEEN CAREFUL TO KEEP ON GOOD TERMS WITH WASHINGTON, ALL BUT LOOKING THE OTHER WAY LAST WEEK WHEN AMERICAN MARINES WERE SENT IN TO FREE THE FREIGHTER MAYAGUEZ OFF CAMBODIA. WITH EVEN MODEST AMERICAN COOPERATION, THE RUSSIANS MAY BE ABLE TO REGAIN NEW MOMENTUM AND CARRY THROUGH THEIR HOPES. BUT SOME WESTERN DIPLOMATS FEEL THE KREMLIN WILL BE HARDPRESSED TO WRAP IT ALL INTO A TIDY PACKAGE IN TIME FOR THE 25TH PARTY CONGRESS. (END TEXT.) INGERSOLL

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